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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: EDITORIAL IN SWAHILI

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1. TANU PARTY OWNED SWAHILI LANGUAGE DAILY UHURU CARRIED
FOLLOWING EDITORIAL MAY 29 (EMBOFF TRANSLATION);

2M QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED THE DEMANDS OF A GROUP
FROM ZAIRE CALLING ITSELF THE "PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY
OF THE CONGO" ASKING THE RELEASE OF MEN, WHOM IT CALL
MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THIS PARTY, WHO ARE IN
PRISON IN TANZANIA, THE PAYMENT OF 200,000 POUNDS, AND THE
GIFT OF MILITARY MATERIAL. THESE DEMANDS WERE GIVEN BY THIS
PARTY AS CONDITIONS FOR THE FREEING OF FOUR WHITE STUDENTS
SEIZED BY THIS PARTY IN THE GOMBE GAME PRESERVE, NEAR KIGOMA,
LAST WEEK.

IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THE REFUSAL OF THESE DEMANDS, THE
GOVERNMENT PUT BACK IN PRISON THE MEN HAVING RELATIONS WITH
THIS PARTY WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL, IN ORDER THAT THERE
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NOT BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THAT THEY HAD BEEN LET OUT AS A

RESULT OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS GROUP.

CONCERNING THIS QUESTION, HOWEVER, THE POSITION OF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT IS COMPLETELY CLEAR. THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT WHATEVER TO SEEK CONVERSATIONS OR TO DO ANYTHING WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AND THIS GROUP.

WE WOULD LIKE THE TANZANIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER PEOPLE TO BEAR THIS IN MIND, BECAUSE OF THE EFFORT OF SOME FOREIGN MEDIA AND VARIOUS PEOPLE SEEKING TO PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAVING THE LIVES OF THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS IN THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA. THESE EFFORTS, EVEN IF THEY RESULT FROM FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE LIVES OF THE FOUR WHITE STUDENTS, MUST BE REFUSED.

IT IS TRUE THAT THE KIDNAPPING OCCURED IN TANZANIA. BUT OTHER ACTS OF BREAKING LAWS MAY HAPPEN IN TANZANIA AND PEOPLE FLEE TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. EXAMPLES ARE THAT OF THE BANDIT WHO JIACKED AN AIRPLANE FROM THE DAR ES SALAAM AIRPORT AND THE TRADE IN CONTRABAND ENGAGED IN ON THE FRONTIER BY BANDITS FLEEING TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

MORE THAN THIS IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED WANT TO PUSH THEIR OWN BURDEN ON TO TANZANIA. THE KIDNAPPING OF THESE STUDENTS COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OR INSIDE TANZANIA. HOW IS TANZANIA CONCERNED IN THIS MATTER, THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO HAVE TANZANIA COOPERATE IN RESOLVING IT. UNQUOTE.

3. LEAD ARTICLE, FRONT PAGE SAME ISSUE, HAS HEADLINE "AMBASSADOR SEEKS WAY TO SAVE STUDENTS." TEXT AS FOLLOWS (EMBOFF TRANSLATIONS):

QUOTE. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN TANZANIA, MR. W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR., YESTERDAY CALLED ON THE BANDITS WHO KIDNAPPED FOUR WHITE STUDENTS IN GOMBE, KIGOMA, MAY 19 OF THIS YEAR, TO HAVE PATIENCE AND PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE THREE CAPTIVES REMAINING IN THEIR HANDS, WHILE HIS EMBASSY IS SEEKING A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH THEM.

TALKING WITH NEWSMEN IN HIS OFFICE IN DAR ES SALAAM YESTERDAY
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AFTERNOON, AMBASSADOR CARTER CLAIMED THAT THIS CALL WAS MADE JOINTLY BY HIS EMBASSY, THE EMBASSY OF HOLLAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA S THE RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ALL THREE SIDES WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLY YESTERDAY.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA YESTERDAY EVENING INSITED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA HAD REFUSED ALL THE DEMANDS OF THESE BANDITS AND WILL NOT TAKE ANY STEPS

WHATEVER TO TRY TO SATISFY THESE BANDITS.

AMBASSADOR CARTER, WHO WAS WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF HOLLAND IN THIS COUNTRY, MR. JAN VAN DEN BERG, SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY WOULD NOT SPARE ANY EFFORT IN TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE BANDITS IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THESE STUDENTS.

HE WAS ASKED WHAT PLANS HE HAD TO ENBALE HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE BANDITS, AND WHAT HE WOULD SAY IF HE SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THEM, AMBASSADOR CARTER SAID BRUSQUELY, "I HAVEN'T YET CONSIDERED PLANS FOR THAT BUT I EXPECT TO FIND SOME WAY".

THE AMBASSADOR FROM ZAIRE IN THIS COUNTRY, COMRADE MWENDA M'SIRI MUKANDA-BANTU, SAID YESTERDAY EVENING IN KIGOMA THAT HE HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO SAY ABOUT THIS QUESTION. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS IN KIGOMA ON AN OFFICIAL TRIP AND IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO SAY THEN HE WOULD SAY IT WHEN HE RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM LATER THIS WEEK. UNQUOTE.

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